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SUBJECT: NICARAGUA: POST CONFIRMS PROPERTY CLAIM DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR U.S. CITIZEN JUAN BARRETO AGAINST NOEL PORTOCARRERO (PENDING SECTION 22

REF: MANAGUA 1256; 02 MANAGUA 877; 02 MANAGUA 601

[11.](#) (SBU) Summary: Post requests that the Department remove Colonel Noel Portocarrero from the Section 2225 visa ineligibility file. Post has confirmed that Portocarrero resolved his property claim dispute with U.S. claimant Juan Barreto when the Government of Nicaragua settled the case on November 19. Mr. Barreto's legal representative collected the indemnification bonds (BPIs) on December 18. Please see action request in Paragraph 3.

[12.](#) (SBU) On November 19, the Government of Nicaragua settled the property claim of U.S. citizen Juan Barreto (Ref A). Mr. Barreto received indemnification bonds (BPIs) with a face value of \$3.2 million as compensation for his 28 properties expropriated by the Nicaraguan Army (Ref B). On December 18, Mr. Barreto's brother and legal representative, Samuel Barreto, collected the BPIs from the Ministry of Finance. On December 21, Econoff spoke to Mr. Barreto who confirmed that he settled his claims and had received the BPIs. Mr. Barreto lives in New Orleans, Louisiana, and may be contacted at (504)606-0950 or (504) 866-5536.

[13.](#) (SBU) Action Request: Post finds sufficient evidence that the property dispute between Juan Barreto and Noel Portocarrero has been resolved (Ref C). Thus, we request the Department consider removing his name from the Section 2225 visa ineligibility file. [Note: Portocarrero currently has no Section 2225-related hits in the CLASS visa lookout database. End Note.]
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